

Meeting Notes

Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wind River Environmental Quality Commission

Location: Fort Washakie, WY

Date: Thu, Jan 15, 2008

Time: 08:00

Attendees:

Ray Nation, BIA
Tony Pingree, BIA
Kelly Ferris, BIA
Trisha Cachelin, BIA
Steve Babbitts, WREQC
Kassel Weeks, WREQC
Don Aragon, WREQC
John Enos, Shosone Oil & Gas
Stephanie Davis, Environet
Alan Bjornsen, NRC

Purpose:

To inquire if there are any Native American tribes in the State that would have an interest in the development of the Lost Creek, or any other ISL facility.

Discussion:

- Most present seemed to knowledgeable of ISLs
- Alan gave an overview of the proposed Lost Creek Site
- Alan also showed the attendees a map of potential ISLs in Wyoming
- The closest potential ISL to the Wind River Reservation is Sky (not proposed for application submittal till 4th quarter 2010)
- There was much discussion about UMTRCA sites (and about past uranium mining, and waste piles)
- A major concern is release of uranium particles to the atmosphere
- Another major concern is water resources contamination
 - Dean Goggles is the Executive Director of Water Programs for the Wind River Agency
- It was stated that any proposed site needed to be announced to all tribes with interests in Wyoming
- Each tribe has a cultural office: they were calling them THPOs
- Tribes want to know about potential employment opportunities w/ISLs
 - Wind River Agency – Tribal Employment Rights – Sonny Sinclair
 - Wind River Alliance – Joline Cantron
- The Wind River Agency has two THPOs:
 - Arapaho – Amanda White in Ethete 307-332-6120
 - Shoshone – Reed Tidzump in Fort Washakie 307-335-2081

Action Items:

- NRC to send out letters to each tribe concerning the Lost Creek ISL application